GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN DISTILLERY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the opinion of the Attorney General has been sought with regard to foreign investment in the distillery sector in the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received some foreign investment proposals in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY [SHRI MURASOLI MARAN]

(a) & (b) : The Government had sought the opinion of the Attorney General of India, inter-alia, with regard to investment in the alcohol sector in India. The Attorney General of India opined that foreign collaborations fall within the exclusive domain of the Central Government.

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) : The proposals are under examination.